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JUNEAU WOMAN NETS 37 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DRUG SMUGGLING

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, August 28, 2007, that Jenelle Louise Nelson, a resident of Juneau, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 37 months in prison for her conviction of drug smuggling. The Court further ordered Nelson to serve four years of supervised release upon her release from prison.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Nelson, age 25.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Stephan A. Collins, Nelson smuggled over 500 grams of cocaine into Juneau on December 6, 2006.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that it was necessary to impose such a term of imprisonment on Nelson, a first time offender, to not only deter Nelson from continuing to associate with cocaine and cocaine dealers in Juneau, but also to deter others who may become involved in distributing cocaine, especially those who live in South East Alaska communities where drug trafficking has a substantial adverse impact on the small, isolated communities.

Mr. Cohen commended the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Southeast Alaska Narcotics Team for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Nelson.

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